

--- “Series of 1880-81” - RE-WORKED TOBACCO - (RW) - Quebec Division - 3rd BABN Contract ---

--- lithographed in VIOLET ink - 238 x 20 mm - with 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- inscribed **1/4** over *LICENSE* and **lb.** over No..... plus *S.M. Return No. / G. La Rue Collector* ---

Chris Ryan reports that *G. La Rue* replaced *J. E. Fortier* as Collector at Quebec on February 16th 1878.

John McKay records that 122,645 *lithographed* copies of “1/4 lb. Brown Tobacco”, and both 14,000 and 27,355 *lithographed* copies of “1/4 Violet Ribbon Tobacco” as being ‘Delivered’ under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). Probably this dual entry represents the Windsor Division “G 64”, and the Windsor Division [] strips. He has grouped the Division Open and the Division “Specific” stamps.

McKay further records that 75,272 *lithographed* copies of “1/4 lb. Violet Ribbon Tobacco” were ‘Delivered’ under the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892), which was generally reserved for *obsolete* BABN production ‘Delivered’ to the Department in February / March 1888. As of July 1st 1883, all brown and violet re-worked strips have been declared *obsolete*, and thus many of these sheets were *control-free*.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	122,645 brown 14,000 violet 27,355 violet
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) -	<u>75,272</u> violet - and also brown - JBH 239,272

During February / March 1888, BABN ‘Delivered’ their remaining 75,272 violet and brown 1/4th pound strips, both *control-numbered* and *control-free*, in perforated and in imperforate form to the Department, and thus originates the multiplicity of Brandom listed strips. I can see no other reason for the existence of a *control-numbered* imperforate strip - it was simply *unfinished stock*. The same can be said for the *control-free* perforated, rouletted and imperforate. They are plainly just anomalies, and they should be collected as such - i.e. not given a separate catalogue number.

The final ‘upper-limit’ control number on the 1/4th pound RE-WORKED TOBACCO strips - as collected to date

Division Open - brown	063679
Montreal Division - brown	072640
Montreal Division - violet	003962
Quebec Division - violet	055004
Windsor Division “G 64” - violet	004751
Windsor Division [] - violet	005309
	205,345

The catalogue lists the 1/4th pound, violet, Quebec RE-WORKED strip as follows:

RW-49 - 1/4th pound, violet, Quebec, perf 12, on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove, with 4 mm. blue controls



RW-49n - 1/4th pound, violet, perforated 12, Quebec Division, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper - **five copies**

--- RW-49 - 1/4th pound - perforated 12 - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---



RW-49 - 1/4th pound, violet, perforated 12, Quebec Division, control number **041891**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper



RW-49 CP - 1/4th pound, violet, perforated 12, Quebec Division, control number **051835**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper,
Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. violet Gothic letters - a highly suspect strip

003711	02/81	RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, Dated 16 81 by Licensee # 3
004044	02/81	RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, Dated 16 81 by Licensee # 1
020004		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020008		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020009		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020018		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020020		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020025		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020030		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020031		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020034		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020036-38		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020059		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020068★		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020080		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020096		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020110		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020114		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020128		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020249		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020649		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020679-82		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020685		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020692		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020732★		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020748		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020749		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
020770		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
032072		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
032459		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
032761		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
032773★		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
032775		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
032779		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
032804		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
032971		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
033080		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
033081		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
033086		RW-49	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
033090		RW-49 CP	1/4th pound, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh - suspect

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I can see no legitimate reason for a *control-free* strip to be stamped **CANCELLED**, unless this stamping was simply used to void the strip when it was released by BABN to the philatelist. This is probably an attempt by a dealer to increase the value of his stock.



RW-49n - 1/4th pound, violet, perforated 12, Quebec Division, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper
Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. violet Gothic letters - a suspect strip

The following strip is a remnant, probably residue from the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract**. It has been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a catalogue number.



1/4th pound, violet, *imperforate*, Quebec Division, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

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